

Catholic Social Teaching in Citizenship

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Life and Dignity of the Human Person <i>All created in the image and likeness of God</i> 	Identities & communities, rights of children, equality & discrimination: Teaches every person has equal worth; explores how prejudice, unfair laws or exclusion harm dignity, and how respect supports all people's value. Global issues & migration: Highlights that all people, including migrants and refugees, deserve safety, respect and fair treatment, regardless of background.	Theme A: Living together in the UK: Communities, community diversity and cohesion, migration and tolerance. Theme B: Democracy at work in the UK: Using your vote to create laws that protect human dignity. Theme C: How the law works: The use of laws to protect human dignity and rights. Theme D: Power and Influence: What we can do to make a difference and protect human rights. Theme E: Taking Citizenship Action: Working together in a group and respecting each other.	
Call to family, community and participation <i>Whatever is needed for each person to flourish</i> 	Local democracy, making a difference, community identities: Focuses on family and community as core places of belonging; shows how taking part in decisions, volunteering or joining groups builds strong and supportive communities. Active citizenship & democracy: Encourages young people to contribute, voice concerns and play their part in shaping local and national life.	Theme A: Living together in the UK: Different communities living in Britain that enable individuals and diverse communities flourish. Theme B: Democracy at work in the UK: Using legislation to build and protect families and communities. Theme C: How the law works: Creating a world in which people are protected. Theme D: Power and Influence: Involvement in local, national and international communities to create and protect human rights. Theme E: Taking Citizenship Action: Working together in a group to raise awareness and make change.	

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Solidarity and the common good <i>Not just doing things for other people but acting with them to build a more just world together</i> 	Global problems, UK governance, equal rights: Explores how we are all connected; shows that systems and laws should work for everyone and that we share responsibility for fair, safe and inclusive societies. International organisations & global citizenship: Looks at working together across borders to solve shared problems like poverty, conflict or climate change for the good of all.	Theme A: Living together in the UK: Learning to understand and tolerate differences and build community cohesion. Theme B: Democracy at work in the UK: Understanding and embracing the power of the vote to create change and make a difference. Theme C: How the law works: How we can reduce crime. Theme D: Power and Influence: How individuals, local communities, national and international communities can work together to create equality and justice. Theme E: Taking Citizenship Action: Working together to create change.	
The dignity of work and the rights of workers <i>As far as possible, decisions should not be taken at the highest levels but by the people who are most affected</i> 	How the economy works, managing money, work & employment: Introduces work as meaningful contribution; covers fair pay, safe conditions and rights at work, and how work supports people and families to live well. Financial education & consumer rights: Links fair treatment in work to dignity, and how economic choices affect workers and communities.	Theme A: Living together in the UK: Economic migration to the UK and its impact. Theme B: Democracy at work in the UK: The use of democracy to protect our rights at work. Theme C: How the law works: How the law protects our rights at work. Theme D: Power and Influence: Trade unions and their role in protecting rights at work. Theme E: Taking Citizenship Action: Working together to create change.	

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Stewardship of God's creation <i>We are called to care for creation as stewards, not just as consumers</i> 	Global challenges, environment, sustainable living: Teaches care for resources, planet and shared spaces as a responsibility and discusses how our actions impact others and future generations, and the duty to protect what we all share. Law & responsibility: Explains that rules exist to protect people and the world, and encourages citizens to use resources wisely and fairly.	Theme A: Living together in the UK: Living peacefully in communities. Theme B: Democracy at work in the UK: How we can make a difference through democracy and the role of taxation. Theme C: How the law works: How we can help reduce crime. Theme D: Power and Influence: Globalisation and making a difference. Theme E: Taking Citizenship Action: Working together to make change.	
Rights and responsibilities <i>When one person has a right, others have a responsibility to uphold that right</i> 	Children's rights, laws & justice, equality:: Clearly sets out rights to safety, fairness and respect, paired with duties to respect others, follow laws and challenge injustice. Democracy & participation: Links having a voice and rights to acting responsibly, taking part and ensuring rights are protected for everyone.	Theme A: Living together in the UK: Our rights and responsibilities within our communities Theme B: Democracy at work in the UK: The role of government to protect our rights. Theme C: How the law works: How the law has been created to protect rights. Theme D: Power and Influence: Our rights and responsibilities across the world. Theme E: Taking Citizenship Action: Working together to create change. Maintaining rights within working groups.	

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Option for the poor and the vulnerable <i>To choose to consider the needs of the poorest and most vulnerable people first</i> 	Inequality, migration, global poverty & injustice: Focuses on identifying and supporting those most disadvantaged or at risk and teaches that fairness means using laws/ campaigns to support the most vulnerable. Challenging unfairness & human rights: Looks at how prejudice, poverty or lack of support affect people, and the duty to stand with and advocate for those in greatest need.	Theme A: Living together in the UK: Considering the needs of migrants. Theme B: Democracy at work in the UK: The use of politics to protect the poor, specifically through taxation. Theme C: How the law works: The rights of victims of crime within the justice system. Theme D: Power and Influence: Helping the poor and vulnerable across the world. Theme E: Taking Citizenship Action: How citizenship can create change to protect and empower the people.	.